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AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PINS, PBOR, GT, BH

SUBJECT: BELIZE DISPUTE AND OASGA

REF: (A) BELIZE 210 (B) GUATEMALA 2117 (NOTAL)

1. DEPARTMENT DISCUSSED GIST REFTELS WITH BRITISH EMBASSY MORNING APRIL 17. WE OBSERVED THAT BELIZEAN FISHERIES ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS COINCIDED WITH WASHINGTON FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING AND ATLANTA OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY. BRITISH EMBASSY OFFICER SAID HE HAD NOT HEARD OF BELIZEAN PLANS AND AGREED THAT TIMING WAS UNFORTUNATE ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT GUATEMALA'S REPORTED HOPE THAT BELIZE NOT BECOME AN ISSUE AT ATLANTA (REF. B). HE ALSO AGREED WITH OUR COMMENT THAT GIVEN INTERNAL SITUATION GOG MIGHT WELCOME DIVERSIONARY INCIDENT SUCH AS SEIZURE OF FISHING BOATS  
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WOULD PROVIDE.

2. IN DISCUSSING OASGA, BRITISH SAID THAT THEY HAVE  
URGED CARIBBEAN COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES WHO TRADITIONALLY  
SUPPORT BELIZEAN ASPIRATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS TO  
KEEP ISSUE LOW KEY. ACCORDING BRITISH, CARIBBEAN  
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES HAVE TOLD THEM THEY HAVE NO  
CONFIDENCE IN GUATEMALAN GOOD INTENTIONS AND BELIEVE GOG  
MERELY STALLING.

3. AFTERNOON APRIL 17 CENOFF ESPIED COURTENAY AT  
MADISON HOTEL WHERE MOST FOREIGN MINISTERS ARE STAYING  
DURING WASHINGTON MEETING. KISSINGER

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